GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:140
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2011
DECENTRALISED PROCUREMENT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State agencies procure foodgrains from the farmers on behalf of the Food Corporation of India (FCI);

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total quantum of foodgrains procured by the said agencies for FCI during each of the last three years, State-wise and corporation-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding non-payment of dues to the State agencies on account of the procurement made by them during the said period;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for the delay in payment; and

(e) the time by which the dues are likely to be cleared by FCI?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.140 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 9.8.2011 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): Yes Madam. Procurement of foodgrains is carried out by (i) FCI and State agencies and (ii) under Decentralized Procurement System (DCP) by States directly. In Decentralized Procurement System, State Governments appoint State agencies to procure foodgrains under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations and after retaining the quantity required for their Public Distribution System, the balance quantity is handed over to FCI. For Non-DCP States, FCI/State Government agencies procure foodgrains under the MSP operations on behalf of Government of India/FCI. The stocks procured by State agencies are handed over to FCI subsequently.

(b): A statement showing State-wise, Agency-wise procurement for the last three years in respect of Rice and Wheat is at Annexure-I & II respectively.

(c), (d) & (e): Government of Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have represented regarding non-payment of dues on account of procurement recently. FCI has been asked to settle the dues of these States at the earliest.